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A DEVICE FOR A PULLING TOOL FOR USE IN PIPES AND BOREHOLES
FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND GAS

This invention relates to a pulling tool, in particular for
use in the positioning of equipment and acquisition of meas-
5 ured data in pipelines and boreholes for the production of
oil and gas.

In long pipelines and boreholes there is often a need for
putting down different equipment and collect measured data.
For this purpose pulling tools of different embodiments are
10 used, having wheels or chains that roll on the wall of the
pipe or borehole. The rollers or the chain are/is pressed
against the wall of the pipe/borehole with a force sufficient
to achieve the desired axial propulsive force in varying
frictional conditions. The supply of power is effected
15 through a cable connection to the surface.

An optimum pulling tool must be formed to be able to negoti-
ate restrictions and sharp curvatures without getting stuck.
In order to achieve these important functions, a solution has
been reached in the present invention, which makes it possi-
20 ble in a simple and robust way to meet these functional re-
quirements. To achieve this object the pulling tool is pro-
vided with 3 axially longitudinal chains, offset 120 degrees

relative to each other viewed in a section perpendicular to the longitudinal axis. The chains run on longitudinal links which are interlocked, so that the radial movement will be the same for all three chains when they are moved radially.

5 With this construction is achieved that the pulling tool is always kept centred within a pipe or a borehole. This is a condition for allowing efficient positioning of equipment and operation of measuring tools.

A limitation in the length of the tool is achieved by all
10 three links with chains being arranged in such a way that they have a radial movement out from the centre. In addition, the links are arranged 120 degrees offset relative to each other and with the same extent longitudinally. In most other known structures the pulling devices are arranged one behind
15 the other, which makes the pulling tool long and unsuitable in sharp curvatures. In boreholes which have not been lined with steel pipes, the walls are often rough and it is difficult for wheels to achieve sufficient grip. In such events the use of chains would be advantageous.

20 Most known pulling tools utilize electric/hydraulic operation. This means that an electric motor drives a hydraulic pump, which again supplies power to hydraulic motors in the driving wheels. Such a system will be technically complex and low efficiency is achieved. With a limited supply of power
25 through long cables, this will limit the traction substantially. In several operations great tractive power is desirable. In the present invention propulsion is effected through direct electric drive, without the use of hydraulics. Thereby a substantially higher performance is achieved for the pulling tool.

The invention will now be explained in further detail in connection with a description of an exemplary embodiment and with reference to drawings, in which:

Figure 1 shows the pulling tool with chains and links in the extended position;

Figure 2 shows section A-A through a link with chain guides;

Figure 3 shows a chain detail;

5 Figure 4 shows the mounting of links;

Figure 5 shows a detail of the mounting for links;

Figure 6 shows a detail of a drive arrangement for chains;

Figure 7 shows a section of a borehole with the pulling tool in an extended position against the wall of the borehole.

10 The main structure of the tool consists of an elongate, cylindrical element (1). To this cylindrical element are arranged links (2), (4) and (5) connected with linkages (6). The links can be moved radially in milled grooves (11) in the main element (1) in such a way that the links (2) are forced 15 against the borehole wall (20) in a position parallel to the longitudinal axis of the main part (1). Radial displacement of the links (2) is brought about by the terminal element (9), to which the links (5) are connected, being moved axially. To obtain the greatest possible radial force against 20 the borehole wall, the links (5) are terminated at the terminal element (9) through the bolt (12) in a bolt hole (10) at a distance (14) on the opposite side of the centre line (13). A corresponding termination is made for all three end links 25 (5) placed 120 degrees offset from each other. Axial movement for the activation of the links (5) through the terminal element (9) is effected by an actuator (24) and a spring element (7) placed between the actuator and the terminal element (9). The supply of energy to the actuator and the driving of the

chains (3) is effected through a cable connection (23) from the surface.

The chain (3) is made up of side links (21) with rollers (22) held in place by through bolts (26). The chain runs in milled s grooves (27) in the links and across pulleys (25) and driving wheels (15).

The driving of the chains (3) is provided by three chain wheels (15) arranged to a bevel gear (17) engaging the bevel gear (18) connected to the shaft (19). The shaft (19) communicates with the electric motor (8), so that the electric motor is mechanically connected to the chain wheel (15) for direct mechanical drive of the chains (3).
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C l a i m s

1. A pulling tool for use in pipelines and boreholes including an elongated body (1) and at least one in relation to the centre axis (13) of the elongated body (1) radially displaceable first link (2), the first link (2) being substantially parallel to the centre axis (13), in that a chain (3) which constitutes a propulsion chain, is located between the first link (2) and the borehole wall (20), and where one end party of the first link (2) is hingedly connected to the elongates body (1) by a second link (4), and where the opposite end portion of the first link (2) is hingedly connected to the elongates body (1) by a third link (5) and an in relation to the elongated body (1) axially displaceable terminal element (9), characterized in that a hinge pin (12) connecting the third link (5) to the terminal element (9) is positioned on the opposite side of the centre axis (13) relative the first link (2).
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2. Pulling tool as described in claim 1, characterized in that the terminal element (9) is connected to a preloaded spring element (7) whereby the first link (2) is preloaded towards the borehole wall (20) through the third link (5).
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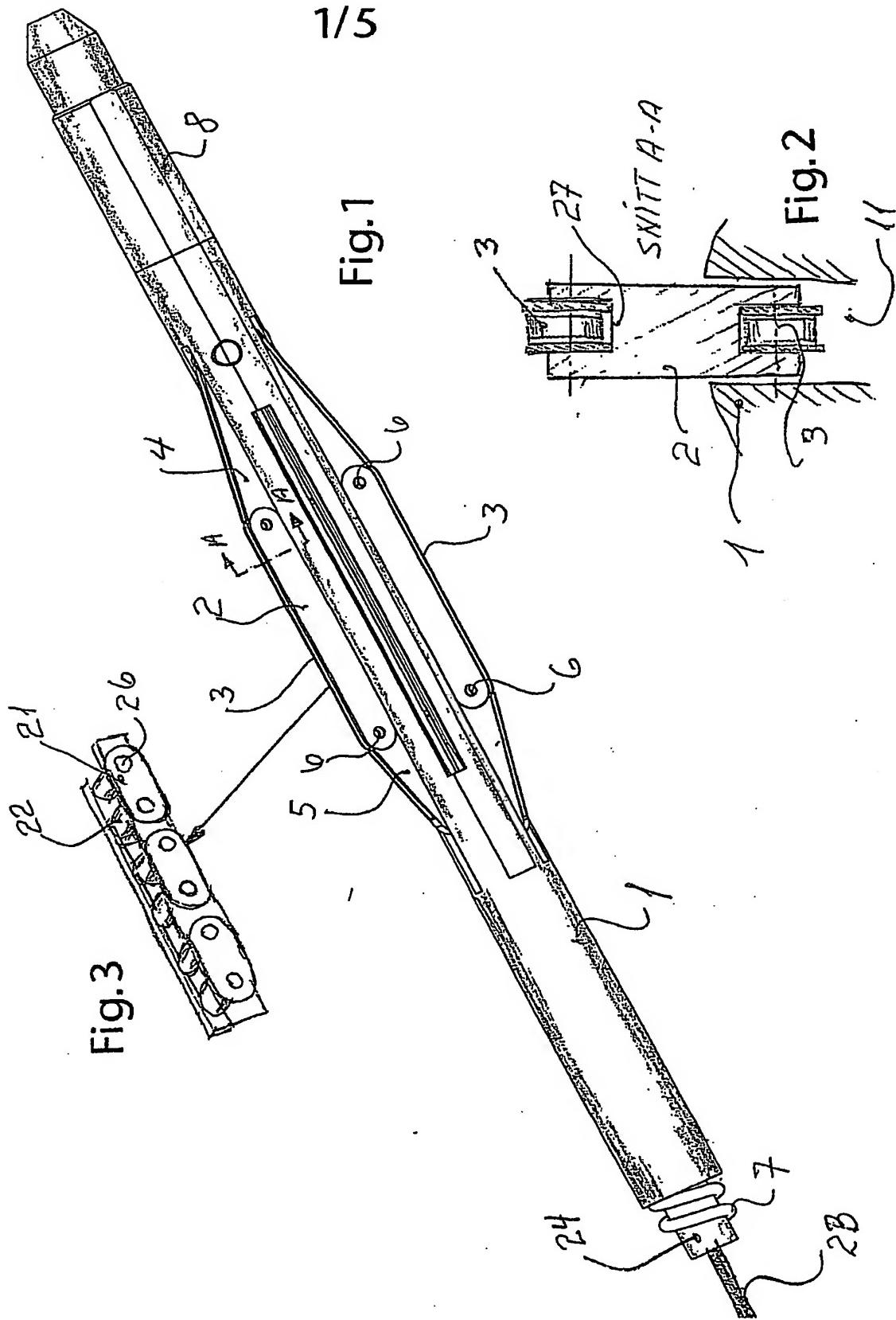
A pulling tool for use in the placing of equipment and acquisition of data from pipes and boreholes used in the production of oil and gas. For this purpose the tool is constructed
5 round a central, elongate, cylindrical main element (1) to which there are arranged radially movable links (2), (4) and (5) with chains (3) arranged thereto, running in grooves (11). Radial movement of the links is provided by subjecting a terminal element (9) for the links (5) to an axial movement
10 by means of an actuator (24). The chains (3) are rotated by an electric motor (8) transferring, through the axle (9) connected to the bevel gears (18) and (17), propulsive force to the chain wheel (15) on which the chains (3) are running.

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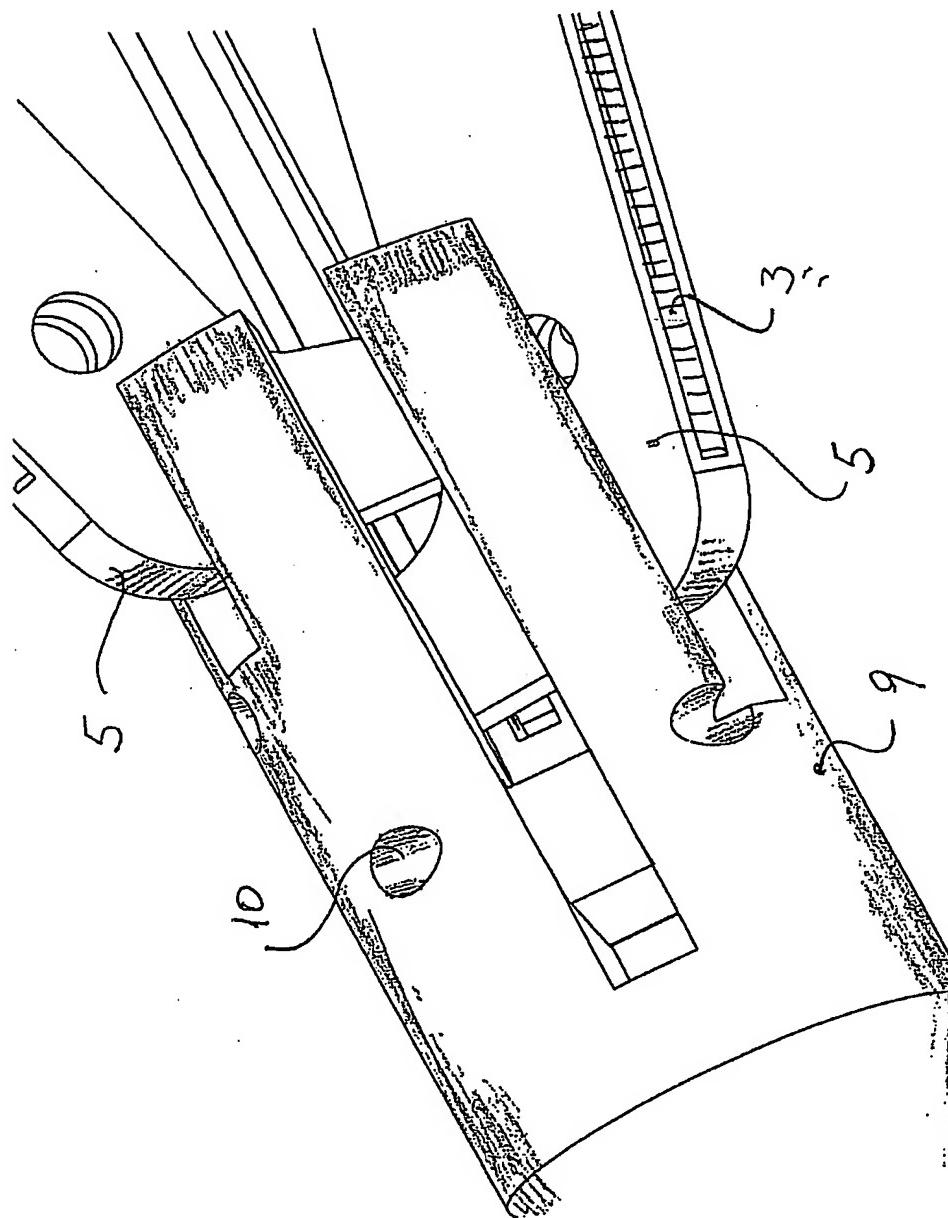


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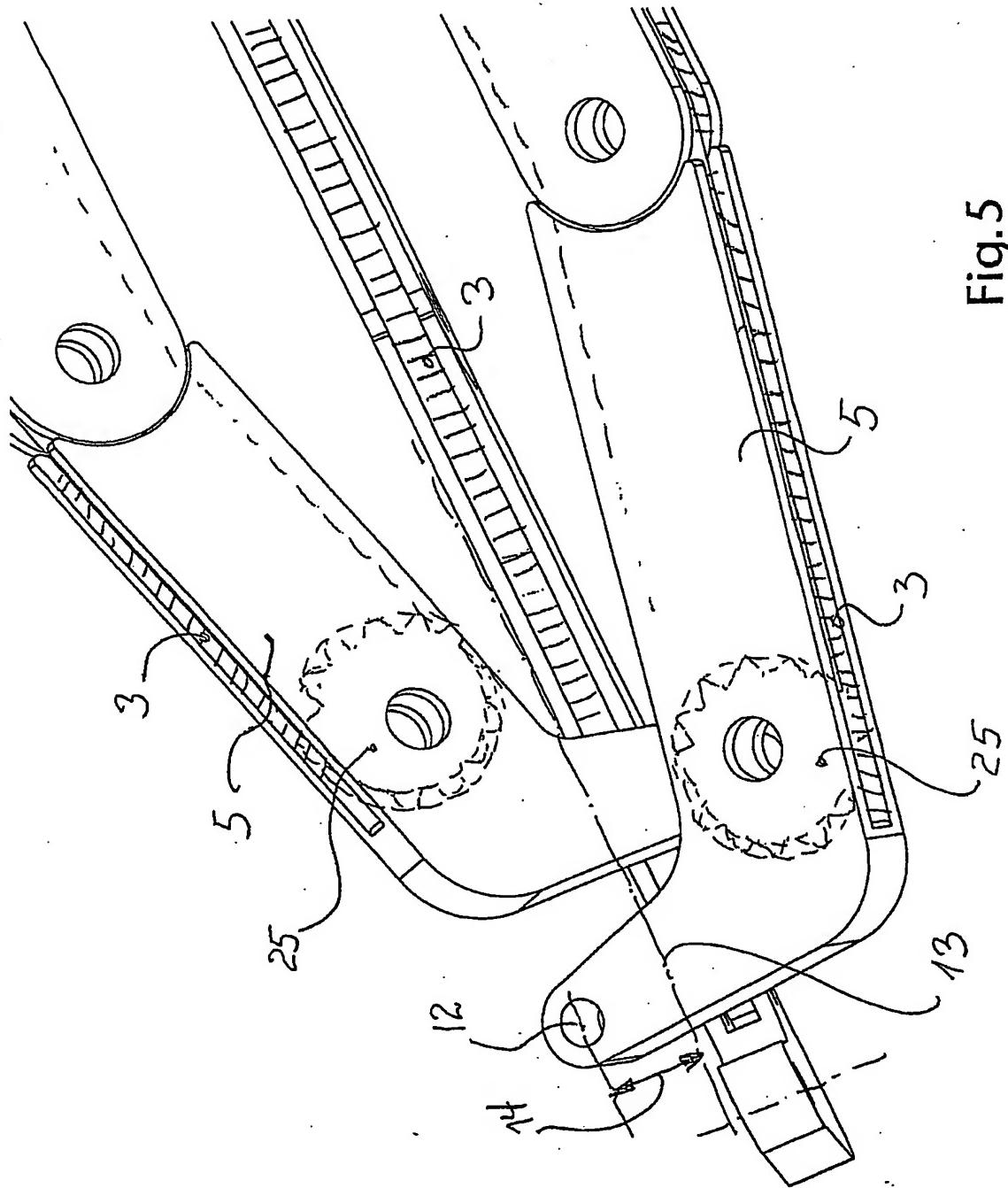


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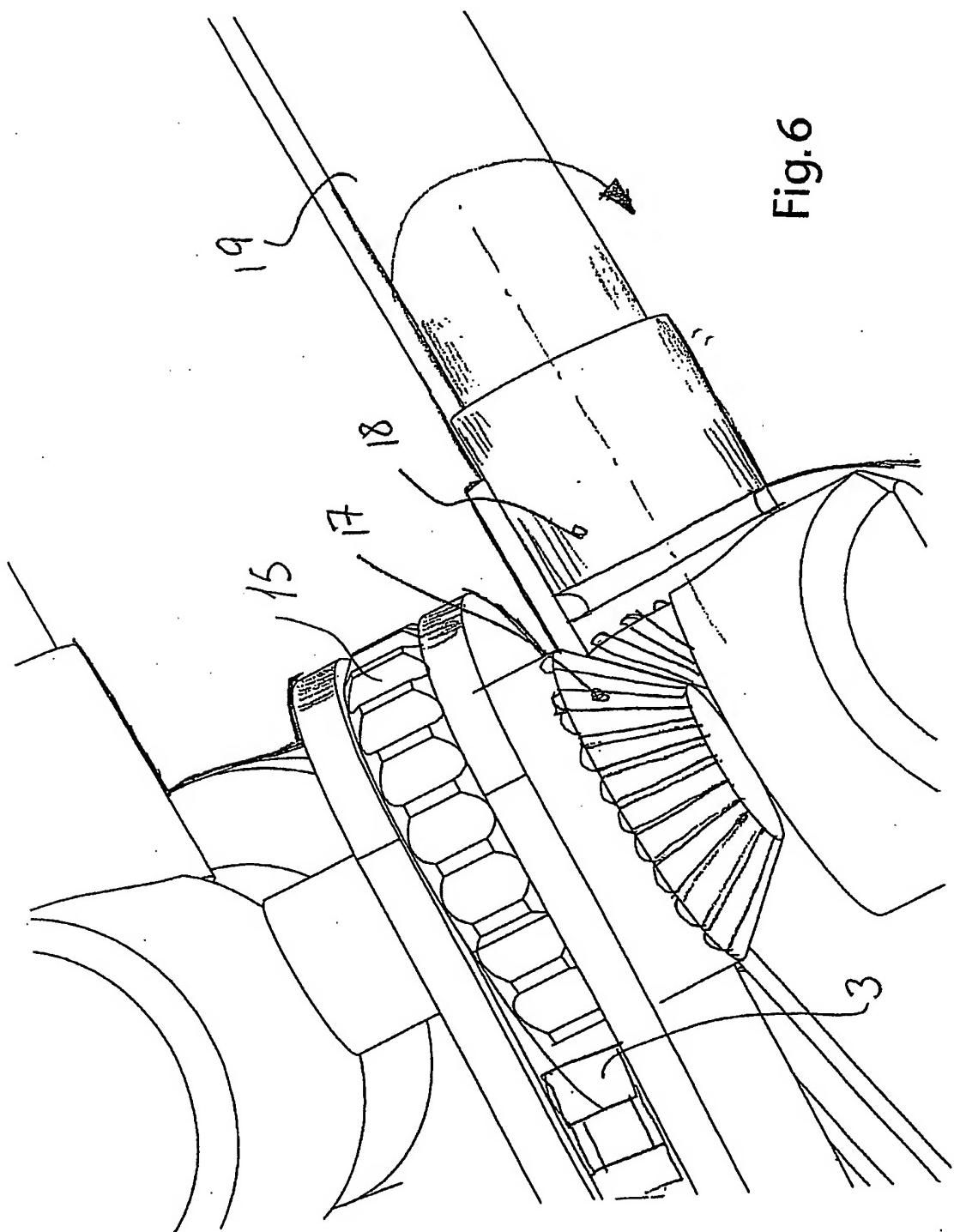
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Fig. 6



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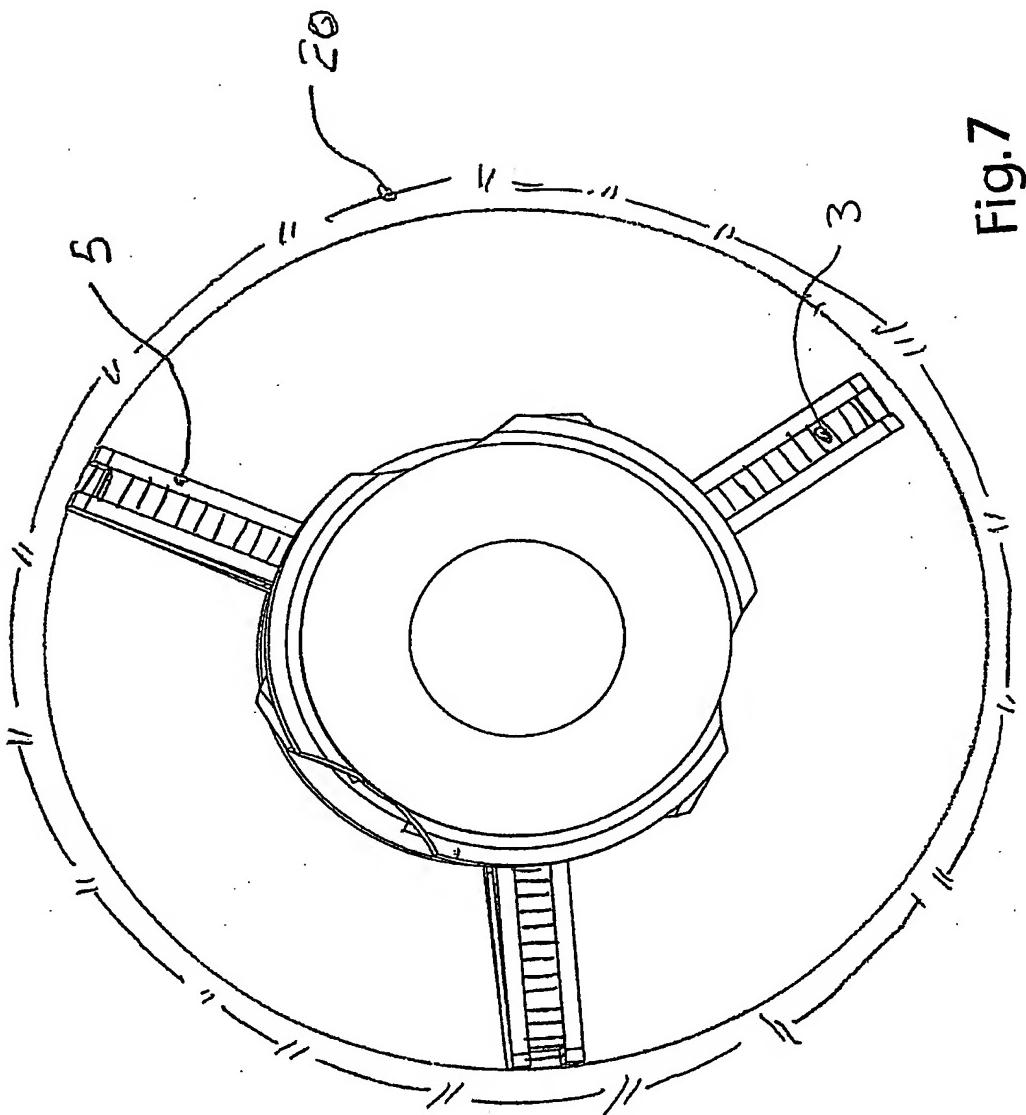


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